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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear applicant

**FOI Reference Number: 002469**

I refer to your email of 15 February 2021 requesting information in respect of Children's palliative care services.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

1. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification? (Yes/No). If so, please attach a copy to your response to this request.**Please see the attached files
2. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their parents or carers should have opportunities to be involved in developing an advance care plan? (Yes/No)**Yes family members are involved in the development of care plans.
3. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition should have a named medical specialist who leads and coordinates their care? (Yes/No)**No, however as per the requirements of the agreement we would expect our providers to adopt best practice in this area.
4. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their parents or carers should be given information about emotional and psychological support, including how to access it? (Yes/No)**Yes the specification includes detail around providing psychological support
5. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition should be cared for by a multidisciplinary team that includes members of the specialist paediatric palliative care team? (Yes/No)**No, however as per the requirements of the agreement we would expect our providers to adopt best practice in this area.
6. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that parents or carers of infants, children and young people approaching the end of life should be offered support for grief and loss when their child is nearing the end of their life and after their death? (Yes/No)**Yes there is a provision for pre-and post-bereavement support.
7. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people approaching the end of life and being cared for at home should have 24-hour access to both children's nursing care and advice from a consultant in paediatric palliative care? (Yes/No)**There is access to 24 hour GP support and a medical director who is a consultant in paediatric care
8. **Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their families should have access regular short breaks for respite? (Yes/No)**Yes

I trust that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours faithfully

***Senior FOI Officer***

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***On behalf of***

***NHS South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group***